Cave, now closed, on Jesus Miranda's ranch
825 1 3/4 mi. NW of Weldon on N side of South Fork of Kern r., said by several informants to have been former abode of wild dogs. According to SM, "the Indians heard the wild dogs bark in the cave, but never saw them"; FP had "heard people talk of the wild dogs down by Miranda's," but knew nothing more about them, nor could FM give additional information.

223 Young golden eaglets (a·ŝawYt) taken from nests in steep cliffs on n. face of Nichols peak (elev. 6078 ft.). Men scaled peak on gentler sloping S side, generally taking with them boy 9, 10 years old. At top of cliffs boy was tied around waist with rope made from native twine, or put in net attached to long rope and lowered over face of cliff to nest, where he got eaglet; if parent birds attacked him he was speedily hauled back up over cliff. Grown men also sometimes lowered over cliffs thus.

231 Eaglets brought home by captors in carrying net and kept in cage (hani·la·nil) about 5 x 5 x
237 5 ft., made of willow poles; cage hung up on branch of tree outside house. Birds fed squirrels, rabbits, other meat through small door made in one side of cage; water provided in small coiled basket (hom'mobit). Wing feathers collected when bird molted; down (pi·wi·l) plucked from breast twice yearly. After being kept year or so "eagles grew so big they bit and clawed and men were afraid to handle them, so they set them free" (SM).

[223] Adult eagles snared at watering places in Greenhorn mts., in same way Owens Valley Paiute snared rabbits and wildcats (Steward, 1933, 254), except that TÜbatulabal used willow pole and scattered seeds and acorns inside loop for bait (SM). Adult eagles never kept in captivity; if not killed when caught in snare they were dispatched by owner of snare who addressed no formula to eagle, but clubbed bird to death and then plucked it (SM). Eagles and eaglets "hard to find" (SM), but any man free to get them; eyries not owned. Although eagle prominent in
[773] mythology, being chief in Mythical age, SM, FM, FP stated unequivocally that eagles were kept only in order to obtain feathers and eagle down
[171] from them; their statements agree with data on use of eagles among Kawaiisu (Kroeber, Handbook, 603). Occasionally an eagle was made pet, but
● [794] this was of no esoteric significance and traces of any bird cult (Gifford, 1932 b, 39; Kroeber, Handbook, 496) seem lacking. Kroeber's statement
231 that "condors, crows, hawks, and geese and even young coyotes were kept as pets, and sometimes inherited by the son from the father" (Handbook, 608) brought negatives from SM for all birds mentioned; "they just kept eagles" (SM). However, FM said his sister "had kept a pet crow once," but attached no esoteric significance to fact. That keeping of pets might be significant was not, however, foreign idea to informants, as they recognized that a Yokuts man who formerly lived among them had mystical bond with a rattlesnake,

"people didn't know about the man who
771 lived above the sun until the white men told them
776 about God" (SM). Concept of dying benefactor was,
[771] however, part of religious belief and was, more-
over, related to jimsonweed complex; "a long time
773 ago Jimsonweed was a man; his name was mo·mo·ht.
He said he was going to turn into a plant and if
any man was sick or broke he should dig his roots
and drink him; then Jimsonweed would give him
[754] something" (SM). Mention has already been made of
belief that witches are not powerful enough to
destroy efficacy of this plant. But aside from
addressing formula to jimsonweed when digging
roots, there seems never to have been any form
of worship addressed to benefactor. Neither SM,
FP had heard of Chungichnich.

● 794 A few other details of religious belief, how-
771 ever, also seem to relate clearly to so-called
jimsonweed cult and 6-god system known among
[771] tribes to W and S (Kroeber, Handbook, 623). SM
said that woman, named mane·sa, lived at aykeček,
776 "across the ocean" with 5 brothers who took care
[823] of her; "whenever this woman turned over in her
sleep, the earth quaked." When FP's father ad-
ministered jimsonweed to FP "he blew on a whistle,
so that 2 old men and an old woman who lived on
the other side of the world could hear him" (see
Autobiography of FP). Informants could not remem-
ber names of any of above-mentioned siblings,
[757 save woman's. Among Tübatulabal jimsonweed ritual
789] and pantheon referred to above seem to have
existed in attentuated form, with emphasis, so
far as use of jimsonweed goes, on its medicinal
properties and its use in obtaining supernatural
power.

773 When questioned, SM said somewhat dubiously
774 that tobacco had also once been a man, and had
also spoken to the people, but that no formula
was ever addressed to him. In Yokuts mythology,
[771] according to Dr. Stanley Newman, tobacco personi-
fied, and has personal name.

773 Coyote culture hero and trickster; as culture
hero he causes earth to be remade after flood
(Voegelin, 1935 b, 209), obtains water and fire
for people, regulates division of labor (ante),
causes death to come into world (Voegelin, ibid).
He opposes Eagle, who is also chief (ibid., 207)
during mythical age. As trickster, Coyote plays
usual rôle of liar, cheat, dupe (ibid., 199, 209,
211). Informants, volunteering comments on Coyote's
character, mentioned how puzzling they found his
dual rôle; "Coyote--he's bad, mean; but he's good,
smart, too; I don't know how that is" (MM).

774 Spirits.- Animals could "hear everything that
776 was said"; this belief extended to all flora as
well, but differences of opinion expressed on
whether it applied to inanimate objects such as
rocks; SM said it did not, MM (ibid.) asserted
rocks "tell (Bear) everything." However, rocks,
streams seem not so much supernatural in them-
selves, but to serve as dwelling places for super-
natural beings; entire region in which Tübatulabal
lived peopled with many varieties of such beings,

881 among ruder hill tribes and is absent, or dwarfed,
171 among more specialized lowland tribes (Handbook, 609; also 7, 135, 861); although these statements may apply to other parts of California, they do not seem to be upheld by Tübatulabal data.

231 No traces of bird cult found, although eagles
794 were kept in captivity in order to obtain their feathers.

795 Ghost dance, social dances.- None of my in-
535 formants remembered anything about Ghost dance, or Jack Wilson. Two forms of round dances mentioned; one was war dance of incitement, the other similar dance with men, women dancing in concentric circles, women on inside; this was danced at fiestas sometimes (FN), but no dance was ever given in order to bring dead back to
[727] life (all informants). Massacre of 1863 (see Autobiography of FP) deprived Tübatulabal and Palagewan of nearly all their adult men and
[797] thoroughly cowed survivors; by 1890 majority of Tübatulabal had become Catholicised and plans
[177] were under way for granting each individual land; these plans were realized in 1893. Considering all these factors, as well as small size of group, there seems little reason to doubt informants' statements that neither Ghost dance of 1870 nor 1890 spread to Tübatulabal, although from their geographical position they might be expected to have had this dance.

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apparently of the Chemehuevi: the terms used are often quite different, but their significance is the same. The two groups thus think alike as regards relationship. A particular trait shared with the Yokuts is the custom of altering the kinship term when the connecting relative has died; but this has already been seen to be a Kawaiisu device, and the custom may well have had a Shoshonean origin and been borrowed by the Yokuts.

Chieftainship, on the other hand, resembles the Yokuts rather than the Kawaiisu institution. The prime requisite is to be the son of a *tiwimal* or chief; the approval of the community and the possession of wealth are also factors. The father selects the son who is to receive the dignity; if there is no male heir, a daughter succeeds. The feeling as regards descent must be strong, since the husband of a chieftainess is accorded no official authority, and the title passes to her son.

RELIGION.

Information fails as to whether the Tübatulabal practiced the southern Yokuts form of Jimson-weed ritual. They did have what the Yokuts seem to have lacked: a definite adolescence ceremony for girls. It is the old story: among the hill men this simple and personal observance stands out conspicuously, while in the more elaborate civilization of the lowlanders it is dwarfed or crowded aside.

The fact that the Tübatulabal are said in this ceremony to put their girls into a pit and cover them suggests an influence from southern California.

The mourning ceremony is called *Anangat*, is made primarily for a single person of prominence about two years after his death, and as among Maidu, Yokuts, and Luiseño, represents him by an image. Such a figure is made of bundled tules, and its sex denoted by bead necklaces and feathers, or an apron. The figure is burned at daybreak of the last night of the rites, together with baskets and other valuables.

So far we have substantially the same features as mark the ceremony among the other tribes mentioned. A trait that may be distinctive of the Tübatulabal is the fact that the mourner puts the observances in charge of visitors from other localities. This may be the substitute of an undivided people for the reciprocal division of function among a dually organized one; or the basic idea of the participation of nonmourners may be older and have been seized upon and fortified by those groups that were subsequently cleft into social moieties.

An invited chief had charge of the burning at the climax. His people gathered wood, tended the fire, burned the image, washed the